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"U.S. Policy and OAS."

1.(U)Editorial in TV news program Abriendo Brecha (8-25-09): "The results of the OAS ministers' visit to our country was kind of a (pre-fabricated) chronicle even before they came to Honduras, because we knew of their pre-determined objective beforehand. Because without the need to scrutinize those characters, starting with the awful Argentine minister of bad reputation, it was not necessary to bet that those gentlemen were coming with the firm intention to twist our arm to accept the signature of the Oscar Arias Agreement. But we knew the position of the Honduran institutions, starting with the judicial branch and Public Ministry who are the most prestigious, true defenders of the majesty of our laws. The OAS men came wanting to (hypnotize) us with their diplomatic magic tricks which are not a good option for Honduras. How can we accept as a good lobby the one that gives allegiance to the love of Venezuelan petrodollars? The OAS had to play the sad role of an organization who runs errands for Hugo Chavez and that was proven after the insulting treatment given by the Venezuelan dictator to the OAS Secretary General, giving him the most degrading insults that (would) offend the dumbest of the dumb. ... What is the value of the commitments contracted by a politician as unpredictable as Mr. Manuel Zelaya who was known for undoing all the institutions of our country who kept warning him that no one can violate the law? His sentence will be given immediately as established by the 239 article of our Constitution. We have to focus on the recent analysis by the journalist, Spaniard, Guillermo Cao, who said that the Obama government has seen the opportunity to put to an end to Chavez' expansionist course in the small and insignificant Honduras. Interpreting in the good sense, (we think) that the U.S. wants Chavez to experience a coup, blowing the whistle on Zelaya here in Honduras where the U.S. would apply its strategy; we do not know which it is, but who would know (there could be) such grave consequences for Honduras. The U.S. is using us as lab (rats) in what seems to be one of the smartest of its diplomatic strategies that they plan to execute at the expense of ruining the future of Honduras, leaving us under a regional conflict that will ground our country into dust. That is why, dear compatriots: the majority of Hondurans will have to pass now to the resistance, to resist this U.S. and OAS policy that seeks to twist our arm in a humiliating and dangerous way. ... The economic pressures are not so important as the extreme situation to allow Honduras to fall into the hands of new imperialism coming from Venezuela and South America financed by Chavez petro-dollars. Insulza only thinks about his next reelection that he will achieve only with the support of the Alba countries; meanwhile the OAS responds to the dictates from the majority membership that by coincidence are also from the Alba countries, the

U.S. on its side is trying to give a coup to Chavez at the expense of leaving Honduras entangled in a pulverized future, like Iraq or Afghanistan. Let's not allow anyone to convert Honduras into a wasted democracy, where we will remain in a dictatorship disguised as democracy Venezuelan style or become a national ruin like Iraq. It is time to start talking about reviewing the Palmerola agreement if necessary, because if the U.S. is playing dirty, Hondurans must not be naive (enough) to continue being used. There is no more dignified path than to review the Palmerola case in the near future, in moments when the U.S. is saying to us that as a country we are not worth much in the face of their diplomatic strategies. Hondurans should know that this reaction is not an act of disrespect to the international rules of diplomacy, because the conflict that arose before June 28 does not seem to interest anybody in the world, but afterwards many countries and organizations have disrespected us. ... Hondurans are going to elections without fear; our Electoral system has prepared us since last year in which we elected the candidates in the primary elections and today we must choose a new president. And those who talk about boycotting the elections, we have to apply the full weight of the law without any kind of contemplation. Faced with so much abuse and disrespect, Hondurans must respond with dignity; dignity must be today's watchword.

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